

Rafe's Place is an exciting and unique Chesham based project, working in cooperation with Ultimate Solution (MUSIC) Ltd (a well established under 18's music night in Amersham) and local organisations in Bucks to break down barriers between different age groups, cultures and genres. We aim to create an educational environment, as well as recreational, revolutionising higher education in the arts by working hand in hand with colleges and universities to offer practical experience and hands-on course support to students and young people.

On September the 11th 2010 we plan to hold a fun and interactive one day free community, music and arts event in Lowndes Park, Chesham. We will unite young people from all cultures and backgrounds, enabling the enjoyment of shared interests, as well as connecting generations and supporting families from the local area. The event will provide valuable experience for local students studying events management and crowd safety, artists, musicians and skaters. We also aim to raise awareness and gather support in order to get people involved in Rafe's Place so we can make it better for everyone.

Below is a breakdown of the budget for the event. We are being supported by local organisations, including Chiltern District Council (CDC), Chesham Action Partnership (CHAP) and Nexus; we also have a pending application to Bucks Community Foundation (Small Grants). Some of our costs will be met through the sale of stalls, advertising and our sponsorship packages.

Skate competition	£2,800
Security	£1,200
Marketing	£800
Portaloos	£700
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We would like to apply for the sum of £3,000 from the LAF - £2,800 to cover the cost of Pete King and his team of pro skaters and pro BMX riders, an extra mini ramp, PA system with DJ and a Compère. The additional £200 will go towards our Security budget – the rest of which will be funded by the Bucks Community Foundation.

The support of the LAF in this event will be vital in re-establishing the Rafe's Place project in Chesham and will also encourage social interaction of different youth groups as well as physical activity in a local setting. This event will be a key milestone for the project and sets the foundations for many of our long term goals.

Rafe's Place will become a much needed link between our local authorities and service providers by becoming the bridge between them and the youth. We will provide tailored and targeted services and promotions allowing effective communication with the local community. We will offer a unique opportunity to support creative arts and music students by creating events with a purpose in which they gain something positive. By facilitating workshops, projects and events we will allow the community structure to support itself, giving young people valuable experience and investing in their future.